



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
*Department for the Aging*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Tim M. Catherman  
Director Administrative Services

**DATE:** September 11, 2007

**SUBJECT:** 2008 State Holiday Schedule

The Virginia Department of Human Resource Management has issued the holiday schedule for 2008. The calendar includes additional holiday time approved by the Governor's Office for November and December 2008.

Tuesday, January 1 – New Year's Day  
Friday, January 18 – Lee-Jackson Day  
Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, February 18 – George Washington's Birthday  
Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day  
Friday, July 4 – Independence Day  
Monday, September 1 – Labor Day  
Monday, October 13 – Columbus Day and Yorktown Victory Day  
Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day (observed)  
Wednesday, November 26 (Close at Noon)  
Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day  
Friday, November 28 – Day After Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, December 24 (Close at Noon)  
Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day  
Friday, December 26

The calendar can also be found at <http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov>. If you have any questions, please call me at (804) 662-9309.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Janet James, Esq., State Legal Services Developer

**DATE:** September 11, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Executive Directors or Designees, VICAP and Legal Assistance Point  
Persons Attending the Annual Legal Aid Conference in  
Roanoke, Virginia, October 24-26, 2007

Please note a point of clarification regarding the upcoming Legal Aid Conference. To assist with your registration for the conference, please note that you will need to identify yourself as attending the Virginia Poverty Law Conference or VPLC. The room rate is \$76.00 if you register in time to get the conference rate. You may be asked to leave a credit card number; however, please be assured that we are arranging to cover the costs for persons who have registered to be a part of this special group of participants. We have asked the hotel to handle your requests for reservation through their toll-free number at 1-800-WYNDHAM (996-3426). Please note that **if you use the 800 number**, you must ask for the **"Virginia Poverty Law Conference."**

If you experience any difficulty, please contact Brenda Friend Briggs at the Virginia Department for the Aging, at (804) 662-7050, or email her at [brenda.briggs@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:brenda.briggs@vda.virginia.gov). Please leave a message with your question if she is not available, and she will return your call.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**AND:** Nutrition Directors

**FROM:** Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD  
Program Coordinator

**DATE:** September 11, 2007

**SUBJECT:** 9th Annual Virginia Bike Walk Conference

The 9th Annual Virginia Bike Walk Conference, *"Biking and Walking in the New World"*, will be held in Williamsburg, VA on September 20-22, 2007

More information and online registration is available at [www.bikewalkvirginia.org](http://www.bikewalkvirginia.org)

Who Should Attend:  
Transportation Planners  
Developers  
Landscape Architects  
Urban Planners  
City Engineers  
Safety Officials  
Community Leaders  
Citizen Advocates

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**FROM:** Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD  
Program Coordinator

**DATE:** September 11, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Injury Prevention Funding Opportunity

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention (DIVP) will allocate approximately \$180,000 to fund unintentional injury prevention projects between November 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008. They are seeking innovative prevention projects that are geared for children and the elderly most at risk of injury-related hospitalizations or deaths caused by poisoning, suffocation, drowning or falls. Project proposals are due by 3 PM on October 10, 2007. Multiple awards of up to \$15,000 for each project will be made. Local health departments are not eligible for this funding.

The *Preventing Unintentional Injuries Request for Proposal* (RFP) document is available from me or from Leonard Recupero by telephone at (804) 864-7734 or by e-mail at [Leonard.recupero@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Leonard.recupero@vdh.virginia.gov). Feel free to contact Leonard Recupero with any questions you may have.

Examples of previously funded unintentional injury prevention projects are accessible from the link [Community Injury Prevention Projects](http://www.vahealth.org/civp) that is on the VDH web site at [www.vahealth.org/civp](http://www.vahealth.org/civp). In the past, AAAs have applied and some AAA injury prevention projects have been funded.

Feel free to share this information with others who provide prevention services to children and the elderly in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Program Coordinator

**DATE:** September 11, 2007

**SUBJECT:** VA ABC Brochure

I have been working with the Alcohol and Aging Awareness Group (AAAG) which is a collaboration including the VA Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (VA ABC) and other key state agencies and community organizations.

In an effort to raise the awareness of the general public on alcohol use or misuse in the aging population, the Education Section of VA ABC developed a brochure entitled "The Best is Yet to Come". The brochure is being disseminated throughout VA in an attempt to provide education for the older adult population and their caregivers on this important topic.

Please visit [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) to view an online version of the brochure and to order hard copies which are available free of charge to disseminate to the population you serve. The brochure and ordering information are found under the "Alcohol Education" tab on the left side of the home page and then under "Brochures and Other Resources".

You may also call the VA ABC Education Section at 804-213-4688 or 804-213-4445 for more information or ordering.